

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 5, 7, 9 - 11 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hind. In response, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to specify that the hand supports are within the mattress. Applicant notes that: (1) Hind discloses a pad, not a mattress; (2) Hind does not disclose hand supports of any type, and in particular not within a "mattress"; and (3) Hind's hand grips are not in the sides of a mattress, as required by each of the claims in the present application. Hind discloses a support pad of minimal thickness to prevent a baby from rolling off a counter or table top. It has two triangular side walls ("restraining means" 13 and 14) and two end walls ("additional restraining means" 31 and 32) that form a raised enclosure around the baby. The side walls have a number of shaped indentations 23 that can be used to hold a bottle while the baby is being fed (column 3, lines 16 - 20). The side walls also include openings 25 that can be used as hand grips to move the support pad (column 3, lines 25 - 29). However, nothing in Hind teaches or suggests "hand supports within the mattress with hand grips in the sides of the mattress" as required in claim 1. Since the pad disclosed by Hind has only minimal thickness, it would be impossible to insert hand supports within the pad, or to incorporate hand grips into the sides of the pad.

Further in regard to claims 10, 11 and 13, independent claim 10 has been amended to require that the hand grips are recessed into the sides of the mattress. This is neither taught nor suggested by Hind. Dependent claim 13 is redundant in light of this amendment to claim 10, and therefore has been canceled.

Claims 15 - 19 have been allowed. Claims 6, 8, 12 and 14 have been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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